

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated March 5, 2003 (Paper No. 9). Claims 1 to 102 are in the application, of which Claims 1, 48, 97, 99, 101 and 102 are independent. Claims 1 to 64, 67 to 69, 71 to 85, 87 to 94 and 97 to 100 are being amended and Claims 101 and 102 are being added, herein. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

With respect to some formal matters, appropriate headings are being entered in the specification as requested. The title has been amended and is believed to be in conformance with MPEP § 606.01, which states that the title be indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

Claims 1 to 100 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. In response, the claims are being amended herein as seen appropriate.

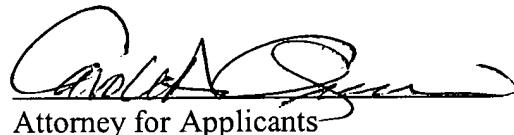
In this regard, Applicants wish to point out that the term “feature” need not be limited to the term “feature vector”, as suggested in the Office Action. However, in the interest of advancing prosecution, the term has been changed to “label”. In addition, Applicants submit that the term “similarity” need not be limited to the probability or likelihood of a pattern recognizer confusing corresponding labels. In a case of typed text, confusion data can represent probabilities of “mistyping”, which has a correspondence to the layout of the keyboard. So, for example, labels corresponding to keys surrounding the label in question may have higher probabilities of a “mis-typing” than labels located further away from the label in question. Reference is respectfully made to page 64, line 17 to page

65, line 30, as well as page 53, line 20 to page 56, line 30 of the detailed description of the present invention, for additional description.

No other matters being raised in the Office Action, it is believed that the entire application is fully in condition for allowance, and such action is courteously solicited.

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